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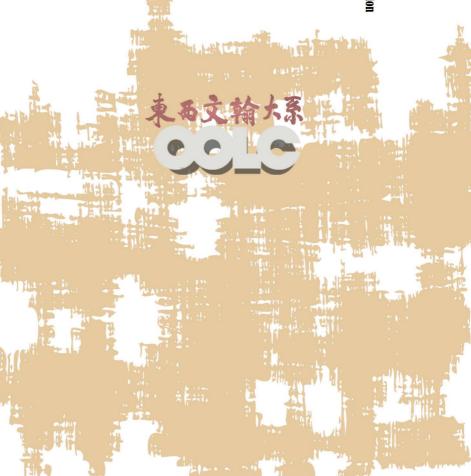
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-Shiyun, founder of One-line Poetry School

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八个红

那个时候,一辆车子,只够带一个儿,牌子是永久



Zhang Lihong

Back then, a bike bears only one, but the name is Forever.





太阳在龙袍上就是一只跳蚤



Liu Mengzi

The sun is but a flee on the dragon robe.





村子里的老掘墓人告诉新手

陈贵良

墓穴的长宽比与你的手机刚好一致



Chen Guiliang

The aspect ratio of the grave is exactly that of your cellphone.





养了一群风, 和你彻夜长谈



Hualuo

Raised a horde of wind, talking with you all night long.





一只蝴蝶, 在母亲的白发里飞来飞去



Zhuhai

A butterfly flies about in my mom's grey hair





你的影子是你被照亮后的补充



Sima

After being illuminated, your shadow shows a complement





我埋的第一颗种子就是您, 这笨拙的手法还是您教的。



Dashan

The first seed I sow is you, and I learnt clumsily to sow from you.





站在外面往里看, 里面的儿都在忙



Chunjiang

Looking on from the outside, people are all busy inside.





青果

检查过后,老孙头拉走了整整一三轮废纸。



Qingguo

After the inspection, tons of documents were dumped as waste.





松海托起一盏明月



Wu Liyue

A silver moon is heaved up above a sea of pines.





不是所有的男性都能称之为男儿,那是一种荣誉称号。



Heguang

Not every man deserves the name of Man. It's an honorary title.





*J*C*X*₁

八个女儿拍了八千张照片

To Take the Grassland Scenery Home

Meihao

The eight girls took eight thousand pictures





滋润万物, 包括植物、动物、夜色和艾儿



Dawang

nourishes everything, including animals, plants, nights and girls





你看看这座天空里的塔

董味

一场雨就坍塌了



Look at the Towers in the Sky

Dongwei

A good rain would make them collapse and disperse





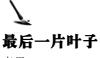
我看着他正在把半座山埋进云里

The Early-rising Shepherd

Lin Yunxin

I watch him burying half the mountain in the white clouds





青果

被分儿的目光举着, 想落也不敢。



Qingguo

Fixed on by those eyes, it dare not to fall.





蜡烛举着微光,深夜的玫瑰滴着水



Leidao

A candle glimmering, a rose sheds drops at dead of night





如果绝望了, 我就从地球上跳下去



Xu Qingchun

If I despire, I'd jump off from this globe





你的微笑



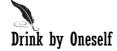
Gu Qingyu

Your smile





总是被蓝的浓郁呛出泪,白云再多也没用



Yuan Zhendong

White as the clouds are, I choke to tears seeing the azure blue.





常在河边走, 我随手就能捡到一条河



Erliang

Walking by the river often, I can easily pick up a river.





阿挽

谁与黑夜订婚, 谁就拥有凡亮



Awan

Whoever is engaged to the night owns the moon





除了赞美, 还有多少遗落儿间



Fengzhong

Apart from praise, what else were left in the world?





喜马拉雅山踮起脚尖亲吻太阳



Yongyuan

Standing on tiptoe, the Himalayas kiss the sun.





我把汩滴穿在手腕上,脉搏告诉我心伤的由来。



Xingzhe

Teardrops worn on wrist, the pulse told me the origin of sorrow.





我在想象幕布后的剧情



Caiyun

I was imagining the plot behind the curtain





我想将我的柔情像围巾一样搭在你的肩膀上



Baicha

I want to drape my tenderness on your shoulder like a scarf





装着昨夜星辰。



Xiaoni

Contained the stars of last night.





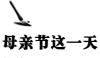
雪地里, 我看风在翻跟头



Pangchuan

I watched the wind turning somersaults in the snow.





简单

只想给妈妈唱歌,因为我的第一首歌是妈妈教的。



Jiandan

I just want to sing to my mom, for teaching me my first song.





不要打扰它, 它在慢慢地拼命开花



Yuanpei

Don't disturb it. It's blooming, slowly and desperately





杜晓旺

有多少卡就有多少礼貌的生日快乐



Du Xiaowang

There are as many cards as there are 'Happy Birthday' texts





那是我在头顶养的鹤



Zhang Lihong

That's the crane bird I raise on my head





跳出鱼网的一条红鲤鱼



Shuixiang

A red carp jumping out of the fishnet





全裸出镜, 男女老幼, 连警察也乐于其中。



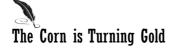
Shiyi

Fully nude, Be they young or old, Including the aristocrats.





没儿对它的炼金术感光趣



Chen Guiliang

No one is interested in the alchemy of the process





车在开你 不知哪里是墓的地



Li Jinchong

The car is driving you, not knowing the death-tination.





陈贵良

谁打碎了一杯白兰地?



Chen Guiliang

Who broke a glass of brandy?





手术室门口,一个"静"字震耳欲聋

On Hearing My Mother in Hospital

Chen Guiliang

At the door of the operating room: a deafening "Silence"





如果生活在月亮上, 女儿的乳房就不会下垂了吧



Shuiwang

Living on the moon, women will have no sagging breasts, right?





愤怒的雄狮



Shuixiang

A roaring lion in fury





夏天的0子,仿佛儿夜晚开始



Gong Benyong

The summer days seem to start at nights





一个儿的兵荒马乱



Lanzi

A person in the tumult of a raging war





走着走着,走成了一条虫子,一粒沙



Bai Yukui

As they trek, the camels are reduced to worms and then sand





雨季来临, 那些墓碑才是想飞的鱼



Pangchuan

Rainy season comes, and the tombstones want to fly like fish





在一间渐冷的屋子里,儿子变成了父亲



Pangchuan

In a house that gradually grows cold, a son becomes a father





所有的维纳斯在大街游行

The Wutong Branches Are All Chopped off

Shuixiang

All the Venus parading in the street





水滴儿在屋顶跳房子



Du Xiaowang

Waterdrops are playing hopscotch on the roof





陈贵良

山坡上、父亲将他的墓碑举过头顶



Chen Guiliang

On the hillside. Father lifts his tombstone above his head





太阳随手丢掉的一枚硬币



Pangchuan

 $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{A}}$ coin that the sun casually throws away





收卷时间快到了, 我还有好多题目没完成



Zhuo Shiba

Time to hand in the exam paper, but I am not even close





用假牙砌起墙壁,圈养每一口方言



Li Yuyao

Building walls with dentures, rearing every mouthful of dialect





唐唐

风吹来芬芳,可我已在对岸



Tangtang

The scent wafts over me, but I'm already on the opposite bank





陈贵良

爷爷, 是不是等我长到爸爸那么大, 就可以则你爸爸

The First Day of Kindergarten

Chen Guiliang

"Grandpa, is that when I'm big like my dad, I can call you dad?"





瓶瓶小香水,各色各味。



Xiaofen

Small bottles of perfume, with different color and flavor.





像山一样, 浑身都是峰



Nan Muzi

Like a mountain, rising with peaks and pinnacles





死亡是我们必去的国度, 我们不朝向死亡



Xiyang

Death is our doomed fate, not our desired date





为复辟一个王朝,在地下列阵几千年



Xu Qingchun

Marshalling underground for millennia to restore a dynasty

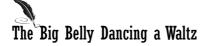




大肚腩的他跳着华尔兹

唐唐

像个转动的地球仪



Tangtang

Like a spinning globe





这是一个没了面孔, 仍挥着手的雪儿



Qiuhua

This is a snowman without a face, still waving his hands





车窗外,群山飞驰而过。



Qinghe

Dutside the car window, the mountains flash by.





绳子, 才是真正的主人.



Liu Xiaofang

The leash is actually the real master





儿们赞美它, 更多的是痛恨严寒



Caiyun

People praise it, mostly due to the fact that they hate the cold





水巷

像帆,带你飘往回不去的地方



Shuixiang

Like a sail that takes you to a place you can't go back to





秋天离家出走的叶子又回来了



Luyou

Back are the leaves that ran away from home in autumn





游不到彼岸的鱼



Qinghe

A fish that cannot swim ashore





灿哥

打了个喷嚏, 把笑的捏成了哭的。



Cange

A sneeze let out and a smile face is made crying





试图爬过一具恐龙头骨化石



Kunlun

Trying to crawl over a giant fossil of dinosaur skull





初恋留给我的最有哲理的礼物



Shuiwang

The best gift of philosophy left by my first love





半页老黄历, 睡在空空的鸟窝里



Kunlun

Half leaf of calendar, sleeping in the empty bird's nest





更长,更长更长的沙发



Pangchuan

An even longer couch





雪的心脏很薄, 一吹就破



Tangtang

The heart of snow is too thin to bear a blow of air





半山

提着裙子蹚水的那儿, 十八九岁



Banshan

Holding up her skirt wading the water, an 18-years old girl





脑袋病了, 打针的却是屁股



Yang Jiting

The head falls sick, but it is the butt that gets injection





景衣卫

孩子吵着吃糖



Jing Yiwei

A child is crying for a sugar





一片洼地, 让小路睁开了眼睛



Zhang Lihong

A puddle opens the eye of the ground

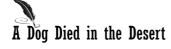




一条死于沙漠中的狗

黄沙尘

并非因为缺水,而是没能找到一棵树



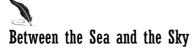
Huang Shachen

Not for lack of water, but for want of a tree





以海为鉴, 谁有这么大的脸?



Cunzheng

Who has so big a face as to make the sea a mirror?





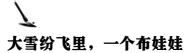
流淌着,弯弯曲曲的绿



Banshan

is flowing with green bends and curves





王世辉

奶声奶气地数着花朵



Wang Shihui

is counting the flying flowers whiningly





每次上山,都看见小溪下山



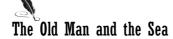
Xu Qingchun

Every time I go uphill, I'd see the brook going downhill





海底博物馆陈列着渔夫的遗骨



Jingxin

The seabed museum exhibits the remains of fishermen





董味

草儿扭了扭小蛮腰,风儿就绿了



Dongwei

The grass wiggles her waist and the wind turns green





庞川

看见大海,看见被一点点刷上白漆的大海



Pangchuan

I saw the sea and the sea painted white dot by dot





深木

台阶上醉鬼动了一下, 轻轻喊了声妈妈



Shenmu

On the steps the drunkard twitches and mumbles 'Mom'





村妇打着呵欠, 把青蛙喊醒



Pangchuan

The yawning village woman wakes up the frogs





一个深度抑郁症患者



Wenyu

A victim of severe depression





女亲说, 有许多时候花钱只是买个公平



Zhang Lihong

Father said, so many times one has to buy justice





原来那些欲言又止的矜持可以笑得很大声



Ha Dasha

It turns out that the speechless restraint can laugh loud





枝叶还没丰满就向天空伸出钓竿



An Yawei

Its leaves not yet full, a fishing rod is cast into the sky





起风了,太阳被连根拔起



Pangchuan

Wind rising, the sun is uprooted





神儿雕像里飘出来与你聊天



Luoxue

God wanders out from the statue to chat with you





站在月亮看地球,是一颗容易捏碎的葡萄



Li Fuxuan

Looking from the moon, the earth is a crumbly grape





用手机时和不用手机时



Li Shouqiu

When using the cellphone. When not using the cellphone





端起杯子的那一刻,看到了父亲。



Jiandan

I see my father the moment I lift the cup of wine





只有在浓雾中,才知道急于要看清的是什么



Baicha

Only in a dense fog can one be urgent to see clearly





大海驶离,我和船留在原地



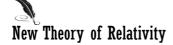
Baicha

The sea departing, I and the boat remain where we are





尖锐, 是钉子的可恨之处, 也是钉子的可取之处



Baicha

Sharpness is a nail's desirability as well as abominability





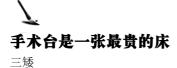
尚着房子,找回家的路。



Zhang Quqie

Carrying a house, it tries to find the way home





有时候需要用命睡一次。



San'ai

Sometimes it cost a life to sleep on it





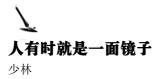
J.头磨成纽扣



Zhao Shelin

Head finally turns to bald button





正面和反面, 彼此依靠互相躲藏



Shaolin

With front and back, leaning and hiding against each other





所有你受不了的,黑夜都会代为承受。



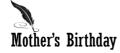
Sadie Su

Dark night will endure for you all that you cannot





电话那端的声音苍老成一根针



Brent Yan

At the other end of the phone, her voice ages into a needle





才不过一天 我就已预支了未来十年的思念

Departing Home for Long Errand

Brent Yan

It's hardly been a day when I advance yearning in a decade





木樨颜

睡在海上, 盖一身阳光

At the Southern Sea in Winter

Brent Yan

Sleeping at sea, with the sunlight as my quilt





大柴将断, 那大焰还在摇曳



Shiyun

The matchstick is about to break, yet it flickers





北风一起,夕阳到处飞



Shiyun

The north wind whistles and the setting sun sails everywhere





一只蚂蚁,仰望高空的飞机

十耘

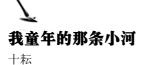
它以为那也是一只蚂蚁

An Ant Looking up to the Plane in the Sky

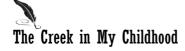
Shiyun

Thought it too was an ant of its kind





能看见小虾的内脏



Shiyun

In the creek one can see clearly the inside of a shrimp





一只鸟很冷,一片云飘过来, 给它盖上棉被



Shiyun

A quilt of cloud floats over to cover the chilly bird





刺猬死去之地,会长出榴莲或者凤梨



Shiyun

Durian or Pineapple will grow where hedgehogs die





小心撩起的水花, 还是惊扰了月亮



Sadie Su

To flower a ripple carefully, but it startles the moon anyway





只能照耀你, 而你不能拥有它



Sadie Su

Light shines on you, but you can never hold it.



译后记

两个月前,东西方艺术家协会主席娄德平先生给我发来一条微信消息,是一个帖子——首届"十耘杯"一行诗大赛征稿启事。我打开只读了几首就被吸引住了,当时就萌发了翻译的想法。于是,随手把帖子收藏起来,打算抽空仔细研读试译。

五一假期时,我顺利加上大赛发起人、一行诗派创始 人十耘主编的微信。要出版一本诗集自然要先征询作者的 同意,这些诗都曾在十耘的公众号上发表出来,而作为大 赛和诗派的发起方,十耘及其平台就成了版权拥有者,我 征询他的同意,才能让英译诗集的出版顺理成章,不会产 生任何版权问题。在说明来意之后,他十分赞成,于是我 就开始了这本诗集的翻译。

我谨遵师嘱,近年来没有接手过任何长期的汉译英项目,但遇到了一行诗,我突然有一种难以遏制的翻译冲动。首先,自然是因为容易译,我所谓的容易只是从诗歌的"体制"角度而言——短小,仅仅一行而已,不费多少切磋琢磨,简单的一分钟就能译一首,精妙的也不必"旬月踌躇"。我在每天琐碎的生活空档中,怎么也能找出一小时,这一

小时恐怕能译出多首。我的计划是一百首就可以了,100页 厚度的一本书, 也算像样。其次, 我本身就钟爱这种轻灵 的诗歌形式。在博士研究过程中,我对英美诗歌的发展讲 行了深入的了解, 对威廉斯的即兴诗歌试验充满兴趣, 而 这种兴趣更根植于我少时就已经关注的短小精悍的中国新 诗。我初中的文句摘抄本子至今还留存着,上面摘录有不 少虽然分行但不过十几个字的箴言诗。一行诗虽然是十耘 发起的诗派,一行诗的精神其实早就流动在中国新诗的骨 血之中。再次,一行诗这种"新颖"的形式可以更高效地 在海外传播,以最省简的空间和笔墨迎合当今快速的生活 模式,肯定比厚重冗长的文学作品更容易得到海外读者的 青睐, 这样中国新诗棱镜的一面便可轻快地照射讲西方的 视角,对中国文化的传播也是一种助力。基于这三个原因, 我从5月3日起,到选译完毕,总共花了一个月多。期间, 书名由主编十耘定名为"一生万物", 我译为 One Begets A11, 并设计了三种封面, 之后我分配给两南交大博士苏寨 迪同学十几首诗歌让她翻译。其中也收录了我早年自己写 的几首"断句", 正好是一行诗的容量。总共收录 112 首诗。

关于选译,有几句话要说。有些诗未能入选并非不好, 相反,可能还很好,但由于各种原因不得不放弃。

比如"七步诗",诗本身没有问题,问题出在题目上, 而这个所谓的"问题"也不是诗题本身的问题,只是出版 体例造成的问题。要想理解这首诗,不得不加注解释"七步诗"的文化内涵,对于一本轻型诗集来说,这种加注会降低阅读快感。我们不是要出版典籍英译,我们只想让海外读者通过一行诗去体会这一行诗歌的绝妙,注解就相当于看一部喜剧片的同时被要求看完10万字的背景交代,会让人蹙眉而去。这种诗是由于负载着文化内涵,不解释就可能让读者不知所云,而不得不放弃翻译并收录的。

再比如"一个必须绑紧的汉字",题目如是,而诗文只有一个字——晖。落日余晖,何其壮美;春晖普泽,何其欣欣。这不过是很平常的一个汉字而已,一个左右偏旁的汉字。为什么必须绑紧呢,不绑紧会发生什么?答案不言自明。一旦被书写者拉开两个部首的距离,就产生了新意义,而这个意义太伤害我们的民族情感。还有一首仅修改三字就"境界全出"的好诗——《青春》(夜里挑灯挤痘),意译很简单,但译完之后已经失去了原文的文化蕴含。青春如战场,挑痘和看剑都是一种对信仰的坚持,如此仿拟便产生了一些幽默趣味。这种翻译很难达成。毫不客气地说,在上面那首一字诗中,翻译是不可能的。作者虽然是玩弄了文字游戏,却是比较高超的游戏,对生活和文字有着深刻的洞察和敏感。但不可译性让我不得不放弃这首好诗。

类似的文字游戏还有"套圈",一种很常见的游戏,国

内外都有,英语一般说 "Ring Toss"。作者直接把汉字调转,"圈套",完成了一首具有反转魅力的好诗。对于多数人来说,这种游戏恐怕只能输多赢少,投资数倍于营收,自然就成了一种愿者上钩的"圈套"。英译几乎不可能,起码以译者如今的水平,尚未想到忠实传神的译法。

如果想让一行诗有足够的意蕴,那么这些有限的文字就必须担负起更大的责任。这种意蕴可以是诗行本身,也可以借助诗题,连接成一体。仅仅通过诗行本身,这一行诗歌里的文字就必须可以产生足够大的"磁场",或者通过诗题的限定或暗示而产生,上面几个都是很好的例子。只有如此,一行诗的审美张力才足够动人心魄。而这种动人,阻译性也往往恼人。甚至可以说,一行诗的张力和阻译性成正比。

除了诗歌本身不可译性导致的"落选"之外,另外一种不选译的情况是版面的要求。一行诗,顾名思义,是只用一行文字写就的诗歌,但是这一行到底多长呢?真的可以无限长,只要作者不换行,就是一行诗,只要有足够长的展示平台,这一行诗可以比有史以来最长的史诗还长。但是出版却是一个有规格规范的传播形式,一本书要有相对固定的版面、版式、字体、字号等等。在定了 5x8 英寸的版面之后,版式设计为如今这个样貌。为了让一行诗及译文能最大限度地容纳,页边距设置到了可接受的最小值,

译文采用了 Agent FB 字体,这样一行英文可以容纳 66 个字符。同样的,原文诗行必须控制在 24 个字符以内。在这个版式设计之下,所有超出这个要求的诗歌都不被选译。为此,译者只能表示遗憾。

以上是对选译的交代,另外我还需要交代作者署名的翻译。文学创作者喜欢使用笔名,当下中国诗人的笔名相当特立独行,各有意趣,然而这种具有意趣的名字是不适合意译的,但我也没有使用常规的音译。凡是两个字的笔名或疑似真名,统统连在一起,只大写第一个字母;凡是三个字的笔名或疑似真名,统统按常规的中国人名英译法,大写第一个字的首字母,和第二个字的首字母,第二第三个字音译相连;凡是超过三个字的笔名,统统只取前两字,以第一种情况音译,不再音译第三第四第五字。

采取这种音译策略的考虑只有一个,即姓名符号化, 换成另一种语言的姓名对译入语读者而言很可能并无意义, 只是一个符号,将精力浪费在揣度笔名的真假度之上,毫 无意义。虽然像"风中的眼睛""彩云追月""孙悟空二徒 弟"等笔名意译后也能被英语读者理解,但译者希望读者 能专注于这一行诗本身,而不是与诗歌无关的笔名。字的 符号功能是最主要的,所指大于能指。基于此,我对所有 近70位作者的署名做了现在这种翻译,此外,我也通过群 内共享文档的方式让作者修改自己希望的署名,充分尊重

了作者的意愿。

诗集选译完毕已久,我在繁忙的人生空隙中见缝插针,断断续续地写作这篇译后记,期间发生了很多事情,让我不得已慨叹人生之枝杈芜杂,难以用纯粹的一行文字表达,而一行诗却让我在这种人生状态中窥见人生纯粹的一面又一面,倒也不失为炎赤中的片片荫凉,足惬余生。是为记。

Translators' Note

Two months ago, Mr. Lou Deping, president of the East-West Artists Association, sent me a WeChat message with a post--The Call for Entries for the First "Shiyun Cup" One-line Poetry Contest. I opened the post and was fascinated by it after reading only a few poems, and the idea of translating them came to me at that time. So I bookmarked the post and planned to take time to read it carefully and try to translate it.

During the May holiday, I successfully added the WeChat of Shiyun, the competition organizer and founder of "One-line Poetry School". To publish a poetry collection, one needed to seek the author's consent. Since these one-line poems had been published on Shiyun's Wechat public account, the platform, i.e. Shiyun, becomes the copyright holder, and I asked for Shiyun's permission, so that the publication of these translations could be done smoothly without any copyright problems. After explaining my intention, he favored it greatly, so I started the translation of these poems.

In compliance with my PhD supervisor's instructions, I have not taken on any long-term Chinese to English translation projects in recent years, but when I came across the one-line poetry, I suddenly had an unquenchable urge to translate them. First, it is naturally because they're easy to translate, and what I mean by "easy" is only from the perspective of the "structure" of one-line poetry--short, just one line, without much deliberation. A simple one can be translated in a minute, and a subtle one does not need to be pondered upon for months. I can find an hour in my daily trivial life anyhow, and I can translate many poems in an hour. My plan is that a hundred poems will be enough, and a book of 100 pages in thickness is decent. Secondly, I love the light and spiritual form of poetry. During the course of my doctoral study, I gained a deeper

understanding of the development of British and American poetry and was intrigued by Williams' experiments with improvised poetry. Such interest was also rooted in the short and sharp new Chinese poems that I had been following since I was a boy. I still have a copy of my junior high school book of excerpts of aphoristic poems of a dozen or so words, albeit in separate lines. Although the one-line Poetry is a school of poetry initiated by Shiyun, the spirit of the one-line poem has long flowed in the bones and blood of the new Chinese poetry. Thirdly, the "novel" form of the one-line poem can be more efficiently disseminated overseas, catering to today's fast lifestyle with the least amount of space and ink, and is certainly more likely to be favored by overseas readers than heavy and lengthy literary works. This is also a kind of help to the dissemination of Chinese culture. For these three reasons, it took me more than a month from May 3 to the completion of the selection and translation. During this period, the title of the book was decided by the editor-in-chief Shiyun as "一生万物", which I translated as "One Begets All", and I also designed three covers. Afterwards, I assigned more than ten poems to Sadie Su, a PhD candidate from Southwest Jiaotong University, for her to translate. I also included a few "fragments" that I wrote in the early years, which have exactly the pattern of one-line poems. In total, 112 poems are included.

I have a few words to say about the selection of translations. Some of the poems that did not make the list are not bad. On the contrary, they may be very good, but for various reasons they had to be abandoned.

For example, the "Seven Steps Verse" has no problem in itself. The problem lies in the title, and this so-called "problem" is not the problem of the title itself, but only the problem caused by the publication style. In order to understand the poem, we have to add a note explaining the cultural connotation of "Seven Steps Verse". However, for a light collection of poems, the note will certainly

reduce the pleasure of reading. We do not want to publish an English translation of Chinese classics.. We just want overseas readers to experience the beauty of the poem in one line. The annotation is equivalent to watching a comedy film and being asked to read 100,000 words of background, which will make people frown and leave. This kind of poem is loaded with cultural connotations, and without explanation, the reader may not know what is going on, so the translation has to be abandoned.

Another example is a poem entitled "A Chinese Character that Must Be Tied Tightly", but the content of the poem has only one word一晖. The afterglow of the setting sun is so magnificent; the spring sunshine is so delightful. This is just a very common Chinese character, a Chinese character with left and right sides. Why must it be tied tightly, and what will happen if it is not tied tightly? The answer is self-evident—when the two sides of the word are separated into two single characters, a new meaning is created, which is likely to hurt our

national emotions. Another good poem, "Youth" (Squeezing a Pimple at Night Under a Lamp), which presents full a new world by making a threecharacter revision into Hsin Chi-chi's famous line "Looking at the sword under a lamp when drunk", is very simple to translate, but after the translation, the cultural connotation of the original text has been lost. Youth is like a battlefield, and picking pimples and looking at sword are both a kind of perseverance in faith, which makes the parody humorous. So, the translation is difficult to achieve. It can be said that in the one-word poem above, translation is impossible. Although the author plays with words, it is a relatively masterful game, with deep insight and sensitivity to life and words. But the untranslatability makes me give up this good poem.

A similar word game is "套圈", a very common game both at home and abroad, generally known in English as "Ring Toss". The author directly turns the Chinese characters around, changing it into "圈套", meaning "traps", completing a good poem with

a reverse charm. For most people, they lose more than win in the game and the investment is several times more than the revenue, so it naturally becomes a kind of "trap" for those who want to take the bait. The English translation is almost impossible. At least at the translator's present level, I have not yet thought of a faithful and evocative translation.

If one wants a line of verse to be connotative, then these limited words must take on a greater responsibility. The meaning can be either in the lines themselves or with the help of the poem's title. Through the line itself alone, the words in the line must be able to generate a large enough "magnetic field", or it may be generated through the limitation or implication of the poem's title, of which the above are good examples. Only then can the aesthetic tension of a line be sufficiently moving, which is often resisted in translation. One might even say that the "tension" of one-line poetry is directly proportional to its translation resistance.

In addition to the untranslatability of the poem

itself, another reason for not choosing a poem for translation is the requirement of the book page. A one-line poem, as the name suggests, is a poem written in one line of text. But how long is that line? It can really be infinitely long. As long as the author does not break the line, it is a one-line poem, and as long as there is a long enough platform for display, the one-line poem can be longer than the longest epic poem ever written. But publishing is a form of communication with specifications, a book should have a relatively fixed layout, format, font, font size and so on. After the 5x8-inch layout was set, the layout was designed to look like this. The margins were set to an acceptable minimum in order to accommodate the maximum number of lines of poetry and translations, and the translations were in the Agent FB font, so that one line of English could contain 66 characters. Similarly, the original poem lines had to be limited to 24 characters or less. With this layout, all poems that exceeded this requirement were not selected for translation. For this reason, the translator can only express regret.

While the above is an explanation of the selection of translations, I also need to explain the translation of the author's signature. Literary creators like to use pen names, and the pen names of contemporary Chinese poets are quite idiosyncratic and have their own meanings, but such names are not suitable for free translation, and I also do not use the conventional transliteration. For pen names with two characters or suspected real names, they are all linked together and only the first letter is capitalized; for pen names with three characters or suspected real names, they are all linked together according to the conventional English translation of Chinese names, capitalizing the first letter of the first character and the first letter of the second character, and the second and third characters being phonetically linked; for pen names with more than three characters, only the first two characters are taken and phonetically translated as the first case, and the third, fourth and fifth characters are no longer phonetically translated.

There is only one reason for adopting this transliteration strategy-namely, the symbolization of the name. Name is only a symbol, which is very likely meaningless to the readers of the target language. Although the transliteration of names such as "Eyes in the Wind"(风中的眼睛), "Chasing the Moon in Colorful Clouds" (彩云追月) and "The Second Disciple of the Monkey King"(孙悟 空二徒弟) can be understood by English readers, the translator hopes that readers can focus on the line itself, rather than the pen names that have nothing to do with the poem. The symbolic function of the word is primary, and the signified is more important than the signifier. For this reason, I have transliterated nearly 70 authors' signatures with the above strategy. In addition, I also allowed the authors to modify their own signatures by sharing files within a group, fully respecting their wishes.

It has been a long time since the translation of the selected poems was completed, and I have been writing this post-translation note intermittently in the gaps of my busy life, in which so many things occurred that I cannot describe it with a pure line of poem. But one-line poems provide me with possibilities to experience the purity of life from different aspects, which amounts to shading me from the burn and blaze of life and, naturally, give me much comfort. For this and that, this note is composed.

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About the Authors

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半山,贵州省作家协会会员。爱诗,喜欢空空的天空和绿绿的草原。

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彩云追月,本名史博英,女,山西运城人,爱诗写诗,过不了 沒有诗的生活。

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For lack of profiles of some authors, thus the lack of English Bios.

少量作者未提供汉语简介,英译对照阙如。

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李锦崇, 1992 年出版诗集《爱的橄榄》。中国散文诗学会会员。 Li Jinchong, member of the Chinese Prose Poetry Society, published a collection of poems *Olive of Love* in 1992.

李首丘,本名李贤烁,更像一个地下写作者。

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青果,秦人,诗歌爱好者。

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秋华,河南洛阳人,愿我的诗不负普世之心。

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十耘,"一行诗"首倡人,作品散见于《星星诗刊》等。

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